

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Eligibility

Applicants for the internship program must be degree candidates in APA-accredited doctoral programs in clinical or counseling psychology who have fulfilled departmental requirements for residency/internship as certified by their university training director. Only US citizens are eligible to receive stipend support. A physical exam certifying good health is required of applicants who are selected for the internship program at the Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System. A security background check is also required. [Read more about eligibility requirements here.](#)

Stipend and Benefits

VA Headquarters in Washington, DC notifies us in January of each year of the budget that we will receive for the following internship year. The 2014-2015 stipend was \$23,974 per year. There are ten federal holidays, and interns accrue an additional 26 days of leave during the year. Additionally, interns are granted authorized absence for dissertation related activities and approved educational programs. Interns are eligible for optional Government Life and Health Insurance benefits.

Applying

Application materials (AAPI) are located on the [APPIC web site](#). **The application deadline is at midnight CST, November 5, 2014.** We will receive your completed application when you select us as one of the sites for which you are applying. Our training program faculty will review your application via the Selection Portal of the APPIC site mentioned above. Applicants will be notified no later than December 12, 2014 as to whether or not they have been invited to interview. Interviews are given in person on an invitation-only basis and are required for those who are seriously interested in our program. Interviews are typically conducted during the months of December and January. Telephone interviews are typically not conducted.

Recommendations

We require letters of recommendation from at least four (4) supervisors who are familiar with your academic and applied performance in psychology. Two of these letters should be from individuals familiar with your academic work and two from individuals familiar with your applied work (e.g., practicum placements). "Letters of Readiness" from a program's Director of Training cannot be one of these letters of recommendation.

AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (APA) ACCREDITATION

The Psychology Internship Training Program at the VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System is accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) and has been since 1980. Contact APA at: 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242. Phone: (202) 336-5979. Visit the APA web site at: * <http://www.apa.org/>.

ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHOLOGY POSTDOCTORAL AND INTERNSHIP CENTERS (APPIC) MEMBERSHIP

The Psychology Internship Training Program at the Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System is a member of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC) and fully subscribes to their selection procedures and policies. This site agrees to abide by the APPIC policy that no person at this training facility will solicit, accept or use any ranking-related information from any intern applicant. Please visit the APPIC web site to obtain additional information including the Uniform Application and Match Rules (*<http://www.appic.org/>).

APPIC Match Number: 140111

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